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1. On 11 December 1953, the Unteroffizier Schule in Potsdam quartered about 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About one third of the quarters were lighted at dusk. No training activity was noticed. On 11 December, about 45 soldiers with bathing towels left the installation toward the town. 25X1

2. On 11 December, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 450 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 7 December, only some of the quarters were lighted. No training activity was noticed.

3. On 11 December, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 and 11 December, 100 to 120 soldiers received basic infantry training in the barracks yard. 25X1

4. On 11 December, the Kriegs Schule was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About one third of the quarters were lighted at nightfall. On 8 December, about 30 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises in the barracks area while about 60 other soldiers practiced carbine firing with live ammunition in Katarinenholz. On 9 December, about 60 soldiers received field training on Bornstedter Feld.

5. On 7 December, the Polizei Kaserne quartered about 350 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 4 December, about 30 soldiers with carbines with fixed bayonets and, later, 30 other soldiers and three police dogs were seen leaving the barracks installation toward town. On 5 December, about 150 recruits marched into the installation from the direction of the town.

6. On 30 November 1953, the southern section of the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne quartered about 100 soldiers. 25X1

7. On 6 December, the Kriegs Schule quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Except for little individual training and aiming practice on Bornstedter Feld, no training activity was noticed in the billeting

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area. [redacted]

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8. On 6 December, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia, and some wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Between 30 November and 6 December, 200 soldiers were frequently seen at close-order drill and, on 12 December, about 50 soldiers were seen engaged in aiming practice. [redacted] 25X1
9. On 6 December, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne was still occupied to about 50 percent by about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and to about 50 percent by KWP. No training activity was noticed. [redacted] 25X1
10. On 6 December, the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Between 30 November and 6 December, troops occasionally received close-order drill. No gun drill was observed. [redacted] 25X1
11. On 6 December, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [redacted] 25X1
12. On 6 December, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by 500 to 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia, black-bordered crimson epaulets and by uniformed women who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] 25X1
13. On 7 December, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied. Sentries observed wore artillery and motor transport insignia. The installation was fully lighted at dusk. No training was noticed. On 2 December, 3 x 122-mm field guns were parked in front of the garages in the yard. [redacted] 25X1
14. On 7 December, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. The barracks installation was 80 percent lighted at dusk. On 22 November, about 120 soldiers assembled for roll call in the barracks yard. [redacted] a 120-mm field gun and 2 prime movers in the barracks yard. On 4 December, about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched into the installation. [redacted] 25X1
15. On 7 December, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was about 60 percent occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed in the yard. [redacted] 25X1
16. On 7 December, the Ludendorff Kaserne quartered a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The quarters were 80 to 90 percent lighted at nightfall. No training was noticed. [redacted] 25X1
17. At about 11 a.m. on 22 November, 6 trucks carrying billeting equipment and 2 trucks each occupied by about 30 to 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Potsdam from the direction of Luftschiffhafen and proceeded toward Nedlitz. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] At about 1 p.m. on 25 November, about 20 trucks, each

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occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Potsdam toward Michendorf. [redacted]

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and included 2 trucks towing field kitchens, 3 trucks towing guns of 60 to 80 mm and 4 trucks towing 45-mm AT guns and 3 trucks with van-like superstructures, similar to workshop trucks.<sup>2</sup>

18. On 7 December, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz was occupied by 6,000 to 7,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 4 December, [redacted] trucks left the installation, proceeding toward Fairland. [redacted]

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On 7 December, about 120 soldiers assembled for roll call in the barracks area while about 50 other soldiers worked on 4 wooden sheds in the training area north of the installation. One of the sheds was completed. Eleven T-34/85 tanks were parked in front of it.<sup>4</sup>

19. On 7 December, the Ludendorff Kaserne and Hohenlone Kaserne were still occupied as was observed before. No training activity was noticed.

20. On 7 December, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops. On 2 December, about 50 soldiers practiced with handgrenades and about 20 soldiers constructed field cables in the barracks yard. Four caterpillar tractors stood at the service station. [redacted]

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21. On 30 November the southern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 26 November, a column of 5 trucks occupied by a total of 120 soldiers and towing 76-mm guns was seen in front of the installation. On 28 November, about 80 soldiers marched into the installation from the direction of Potsdam. [redacted]

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[redacted] the load capacity of motor vehicles including GAS-AA with 10 persons, ZIS-5 with 24 persons, Studebaker with 24 persons and Ford-6 with 16 persons; and the fuel consumption per 100 km according to the consumption quota fixed by Order No 77 of 4 October 1947 by the Minister of Armed Forces and Decree No 3257 of 17 September 1948 by the Council of Ministers as follows:

GAS-AA	20.5 lit	GAS-51	26.5 lit
GAS-MM	20.5 "	GAS-67	15.0 "
GAS-M1	14.5 "	ZIS-5	34.0 "
Ford-6	26.5 "	Studebaker	38.5 "
Dodge 3/4	26.5 "	Willis	14.5 "

[redacted] the standard quota increased by 10 percent in winter and decreased by 10 to 15 percent on tarred roads and roads with asphalt pavement and that, for vehicles with trailers, the standard consumption quota increased by 8 percent for each ton of the towed load in vehicles with a load capacity of up to 2 tons; and by 6 percent in vehicles with a load capacity of more than 2 tons.<sup>5</sup> [redacted]

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23. On 10 December, the Kavallerie Schule in Krumphnitz was occupied by about 4,000 to 5,000 troops. The building north of garage No 56 was a roofed target installation for tanks. A new garage was built north of garage No 58. On 7 December, troops received basic infantry training and 10 other soldiers trained with a 76-mm field gun on the drill grounds. 25X1  
 JS-1 tank and JS-3 tank in the billeting area. A JS-1 tank moved from the installation toward the terrain. Soldiers practiced with 2 x 57-mm AT guns, and 3 x 35-mm AT guns. On 8 December, about 200 soldiers equipped with machine guns, rifles, submachine guns and practice targets left the barracks installation for field training. About 20 to 25 soldiers trained with a gun in the AA emplacement. On 10 December, about 350 to 400 troops equipped with rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns, and heavy machine guns, antitank rifles and 82-mm mortars left the installation for field training. They returned between 2 and 3:30 p.m. 25X1
24. [REDACTED]
25. On 12 December, the Kavallerie Schule was occupied by about 10,000 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and artillery insignia. Many of the troops were recruits. On 29 November, about 300 recruits in the east section of the billeting area received training. At about 9 p.m., 3 trucks, each carrying about 25 soldiers, left the installation toward Marquard. At about 5 p.m. on 30 November, truck occupied by 25X1 uniformed women and officers and truck occupied by officers entered 25X1 the billeting area from the direction of Satzborn. On 7 December, 2 armored personnel carriers left the installation toward Marquard. During the other days of the period of observation, about 200 to 300 soldiers were frequently seen engaged in close-order drill. No tanks or assault guns were seen. The garages were closed all the time. 25X1
26. [REDACTED]
27. On 30 November, a train without locomotive of an undetermined number of flatcars with sidetracks carrying 4 radio trucks, 10 boxcars with equipment and 1 passenger coach with troops stood at the Potsdam freight station.
28. On 23, 25 and 27 November, motorcycles were seen 25X1 in traffic in Potsdam. [REDACTED]
29. [REDACTED] German apartment houses in the localities of Ferch and Middelbusch were confiscated for Soviet families of a unit in the AAA emplacement in Kammerode. 25X1
30. On 9 December, the Unteroffizier Schule was occupied by about 300 troops. There was no activity in the billeting area. trucks occupied 25X1 by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in traffic to and from the installation [REDACTED]

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1. Comment. [redacted] the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div being stationed in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. [redacted] The strength estimate [redacted] comes nearest to the actual strength. 25X1
2. Comment. It is believed that the three barracks installations still quartered units of the 34th Arty Div [redacted] up to the beginning of December.
3. Comment. [redacted] the column on 22 November belonged to the 34th Arty Div [redacted] and the artillery column on 25 November to the 1st Mecz Div.
4. Comment. The Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz was also occupied to capacity by units of the 10th Gds Tank Div in mid-December. The considerable fluctuations of the strength estimates are due to the fact that the barracks installation is difficult to approach. [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted]
6. Comment. Except for the varying data on the strengths which are believed to have been too high, especially in paragraphs 7 and 12, no changes in the occupation of the barracks installations are discernible as compared with previous information. [redacted]

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